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Subject: Summary of Communications Regarding Mining ARARs

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A couple of months ago, I made several inquiries regarding regulations pertaining to lead and zinc mining. Below is a summary of these inquiries.

Len Meier, U.S. Office of Surface Mining

- There are no Federal laws for lead and zinc mining, the laws are for coal mining.
- Lead and zinc mines would be responsible for any off site water drainage.

Erv Barchenge, U.S. Office of Surface Mining

- There are regulations for reprocessing abandoned or disturbed coal mine lands. They have to cover the land with suitable non-toxic material.
- There are no laws requiring the filling of shafts or stabilization.

Brian LaRue, Kansas Corporation Commission

- There are no State regulations for lead and zinc mining.
- There are regulations for blasting.
- KAS 49-428
- KAR 47-16-1
- Ron Fox is the Executive Director of the Abandoned Mine Lands Board

David Veith, U.S. Bureau of Mines

- BOM has no regulatory authority
- With good soil, natural growth be take 3-5 years. Willows spread fast. Expect \$6,000 - \$8,000 per acre includes recontouring costs).



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